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SUBJECT: PRESS COMMENTARY ON STR STRAUSS

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1. MAY 12 FRANKFURTER ALLGEMEINE ZEITUNG CARRIED A BIOGRAPHIC SKETCH OF AMBASSADOR STRAUSS, FOLLOWED BY A POSITIVE COMMENTARY ON HIS EFFORTS TO BUILD A CONSENSUS AMONG THE AMERICAN PUBLIC IN FAVOR OF LIBERAL TRADE. THE FAZ POINTED OUT THAT FROM A PURELY TECHNICAL POINT OF VIEW, AMBASSADOR STRAUSS HAS NOTHING TO OFFER BUT THE DEEP CONVICTION OF A SUCCESSFUL BUSINESSMAN THAT AS FREE A MARKET SYSTEM AS POSSIBLE AND THE UNHINDERED EXCHANGE OF GOODS WILL BRING THE BEST RESULTS. STRAUSS KNOWS THE DANGER OF TRADE PROTECTIONISM FROM THE WORLD ECONOMIC CRISIS OF THE THIRTIES, AS WELL AS THE DANGER THAT MOST AMERICANS ARE INDIFFERENT TO TRADE

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QUESTIONS DUE TO THE LOW VOLUME OF U.S. FOREIGN TRADE AND THAT SMALL BUT ACTIVE INTEREST GROUPS COULD THEREFORE EASILY INFLUENCE THE LEGISLATOR IN FAVOR OF THEIR PROTECTIONISTIC INTERESTS.

2. FAZ COMMENTED THAT AMBASSADOR STRAUSS ALSO REALIZES THAT ANY TRADE STRATEGY HAS TO CONSIDER THE POLITICALLY

SENSITIVE PROBLEM OF UNEMPLOYMENT AND THAT ONE MUST FIND
FAIR SOLUTIONS FOR TRADE CONFLICTS. THIS IS WHY STRAUSS
PARTICULARLY SEES HIS TASK AS THAT OF USING HIS
POLITICAL BACKGROUND TO BUILD A WIDE BASIS FOR A
LIBERAL TRADE CONCEPT. HE HIMSELF WANTS TO CONVINCE
THE U.S. POPULATION BY HUNDREDS OF SPEECHES THROUGHOUT
THE COUNTRY THAT TRADE CREATES JOBS AND DOES NOT
DESTROY THEM, AS IS MAINTAINED BY THE TRADE UNIONS. AT
THE SAME TIME HE WANTS TO REASSURE THE PEOPLE THAT THE
UNITED STATES WILL NOT GIVE ANYTHING AWAY IN THE GENEVA
TRADE NEGOTIATIONS, BUT RATHER, WILL KEEP IN MIND THE
INTERESTS OF ITS OWN ECONOMY ON THE BASIS OF A FAIR
QUID PRO QUO.

3. COMMENT: THIS COMMENTARY WAS A WELCOME AND
TIMELY OFFSET TO CRITICAL GERMAN PRESS REPORTS THAT
DOWNING STREET SUMMIT FAILED TO DEAL FORCEFULLY ENOUGH
WITH PROTECTIONIST DANGERS. (SEE REFTTEL).
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